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Judging Rubric

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Fulfills the basic requirement to read or recite from the Declaration of Independence • Includes exact words of the Declaration of Independence • Includes the first two paragraphs of the the text or excerpts from it	Reads parts of the first two paragraphs of the Declaration	Recites parts of the first two paragraphs of the Declaration.	Reads all or most of the first two paragraphs of the Declaration.	Recites all or most of the first two paragraphs of the Declaration.
Accuracy and Clarity of Speech	Frequent errors and long pauses or skips that disrupt meaning. Often unclear or hard to understand.	Several errors or hesitations. Uneven pace but meaning mostly clear. Sometimes difficult to understand due to articulation.	Mostly smooth and steady pace with minor errors that don't interrupt meaning. Words are generally clear and pronounced with minor issues.	Smooth reading with very few errors; strong pacing, natural flow between students. Easy to hear all readers. Words are clearly pronounced and projected.
Expression & Emphasis	Minimal expression; rushed or monotone; lack of emphasis	Limited expression; tone is flat and neutral	Some effective expression and emphasis	Tone is expressive and engaging; emphasis is used to convey meaning and historical importance
Demonstrates creativity Examples: uses another language, props, backgrounds, style of recitation, dance	Straightforward reading without creative touches	One creative touch	Uses at least two creative modes that help support the reading and display meaning	Uses multiple creative modes; includes the unexpected, original or unique
Level of participation	1-3 students read in the video	3-6 students read in the video	6-10 students read in the video	More than 10 students read in the video
Video and audio effort focused on supporting the content, not high production value.	Poor video or audio quality makes it difficult to see or hear the reading; overshadows meaning	Video or audio has noticeable issues (lighting, framing, noise) but meaning is still understandable.	Video and audio are mostly clear; minor issues that do not affect understanding	Video is smooth, steady and well-framed; audio is clear with no distracting background noise